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Group Art Unit: 1641
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

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Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows:

Four months (37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(4)) in the amount of \$765.00 for small entity status.

The enclosed document is being transmitted via the certificate of mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

Small Entity Status remains proper for this Application.

The Government fee of \$765.00 for filing Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.

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Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$765.00 is enclosed to cover the petition fee and extension fee.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing to Deposit Account 50-2752.

Continuation-In-Part Application Filed

A continuation-in-part application is filed on even date herewith. This application is not to be construed as an acquiescence to any outstanding rejection in any way or form.

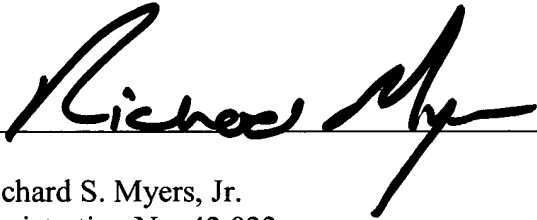
As stated in M.P.E.P § 201.08:

The mere filing of a continuation-in-part does not itself create a presumption that the applicant acquiesces in any rejections which may be outstanding in the copending national nonprovisional application or applications upon which the continuation-in-part application relies for benefit.

The instant continuation-in-part was filed, *inter alia*, to disclose improvements and introduce new embodiments of the present invention.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this correspondence, or the Application in general, she is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Myers", is written over a horizontal line.

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